

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

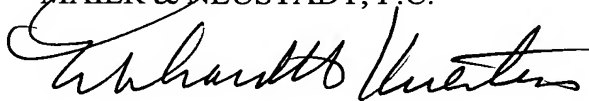
Claims 2-6 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 7-20 have been canceled and Claims 2-6 have been maintained by the present amendment.

This application is a divisional application of the parent application Serial No. 09/612,298, filed on July 7, 2000. The present Preliminary Amendment presents Claims 2-6 for examination and amends the specification by adding a Cross-Reference to Related Application section in accordance with U.S. patent practice. Present Claims 2-6 correspond to withdrawn Claims 2-6 of the parent application of this application. No new matter is believed to be added.

Accordingly, an early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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